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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know what steps the Madras Government have taken to verify the truth or falsity of the allegations made?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"In one case a sepecific allegation was made of encroachment in a tank near Kolar; enquiries were made in that case and the allegations proved to be false."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the attention of the hon. the Revenue Member has not been called to the fact that even an executive engineer of the Government has drawn the attention of the Government to the fact that one large tank—the Ammankarai tank—has been improved upon to the detriment of the ayacutdars of the Palar basin?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Will the hon. Member consider the seriousness of the situation and the immediate desirability of ascertaining the truth of that allegation?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I have already stated that I require notice of the question relating to the allegation."

Information called for by the Palar Enquiry Committee.

* 545 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the information called for by the enquiry committee with reference to certain tanks in the Palar basin has been furnished by the Mysore Government;

(*b*) when was the information called for; and

(*c*) what steps the Government propose to take to ascertain and collect the information required at least now?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) 27th April 1931 and lastly at the Conference of the 4th September last held at Bangalore.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*c*) of question No. 544.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether during these 2½ years no information has been forthcoming and whether this is a satisfactory state of affairs in the view of the Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I have already stated that we have asked for steps to be taken by the Government of Mysore

to obtain as much information as possible. This is not information which is at the disposal of this Government and we cannot get it by force from the Mysore Government. We can only get it by negotiation and we are carrying on negotiations."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask how long this question has been before the Government?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Decision of the Mysore Government regarding the supply of more water to the Palar.

* 546 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the question relating to the paucity of freshes in the Palar river has been discussed with the officers of the Mysore State, and finally settled;

(*b*) if so, whether in accordance with that decision, the Mysore Government have undertaken to let down more water into the Palar, to the benefit of the ryots dependent on the Palar supply; and

(*c*) whether the Government would be pleased to publish the decision reached for the information of the public?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 544.

Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai:—"May I ask whether the Government of Mysore have furnished the statistics required?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I have not received any statistics."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether it is the intention of this Government not to press for statistics, if the Mysore Government thinks that the cost would be heavy?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"When we know what the cost would be, we can consider whether we should pay for it. We cannot expect the Mysore Government to spend a lot of money to provide information for us."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Under the treaty, certain obligations are placed upon the Mysore Government by the British Government. When the allegation is that this obligation has been broken, is it not the duty of the Mysore Government to answer the allegation?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I do not think it is clear that the treaty obligations have been broken. The person making those allegations should prove them."